Family Independence Program

EARNED INCOME REPORT

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Earned Income Report

Data for the Earned Income Report is obtained from the Department of Human Service's Client Information System (CIS). The information is point-in-time data and is obtained at the beginning of each month. This data reflects the case transactions that occurred during the previous month.

Due to the nature of the public assistance caseload, the data display here represents a picture of a population that is constantly changing. Families move on and off public assistance, gain or lose employment and many move frequently. Transferred cases from other parts of the state count immediately as part of the target caseload.

The Michigan Department of Human Service continues in its efforts to support families to achieve self-sufficiency through employment. Thus all cases required to work will be employed and have earned income. Cases are required to work if there is **any member** age 16 or older who:

- is a mandatory Work First participant or
- is not employed full time or
- is sanctioned or penalized and
- the case is open more than 60 days.

The formula for determining the number of cases required to work is:

(FIP cases) minus (cases open less than 60 days) minus (Work First deferred cases, i.e., those not required to work).

Recipients are <u>deferred</u> from Work First or are meeting participation requirements and are **not** required to work if they meet one of the criteria listed below:

- Parent of a child under 3 months.
- Single parent who personally provides care for a child under age 6 when adequate child care is not available.
- Under 16 or over 65 years of age.
- Full-time students between the ages of 16 and 18.
- Minor parent who is in school full-time.
- Temporary incapacity (expected to last 3 months or less).

- Applicant for SSI through the Social Security Administration.
- Providing care for an incapacitated spouse: Note Effective 10/01/02 the deferral for caring for an incapacitated spouse will require an assessment of need.
- Providing care for an SSI child or a child eligible for the Early-On program: This deferral is changed from automatic to
 mandating an assessment of the circumstances in the family. Parents must participate in Work First unless they are
 participating in Early On activity or are needed in the home to care for the child on SSI. Parents with children in school
 or able to attend day care will only be deferred to the extent that parental care is needed.
- Full-time volunteer for VISTA, Job Corps or AmeriCorp.
- Participants in transitional housing programs funded by HUD or MSHDA.
- Experiencing a temporary critical even, such as homelessness or domestic violence (deferral of up to 3 months at local office discretion).

To help clients obtain employment, DHS staff will be working with them to eliminate barriers to employment and promote independence.

Additional resources are being developed within the agency as well as efforts to coordinate with other departments such as Transportation, MSHDA, and the Department of Career Development. Community agencies are also being asked for their assistance in providing resources for FIP recipients.

Data Source: SW-210.

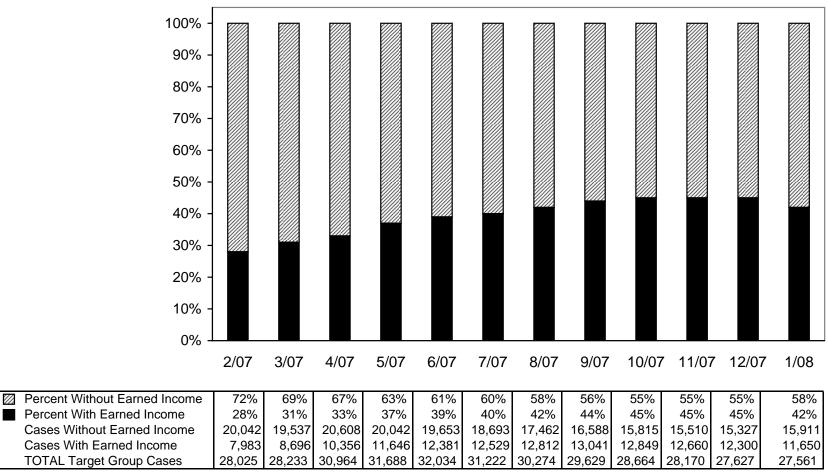
NOTE: The absolute integrity of the data (beginning with 11/03 data) cannot be assured until systems are updated. There are problems with the employment codes.

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STATE TOTAL

Target Group Cases: With and Without Earned Income Point-in-Time Data

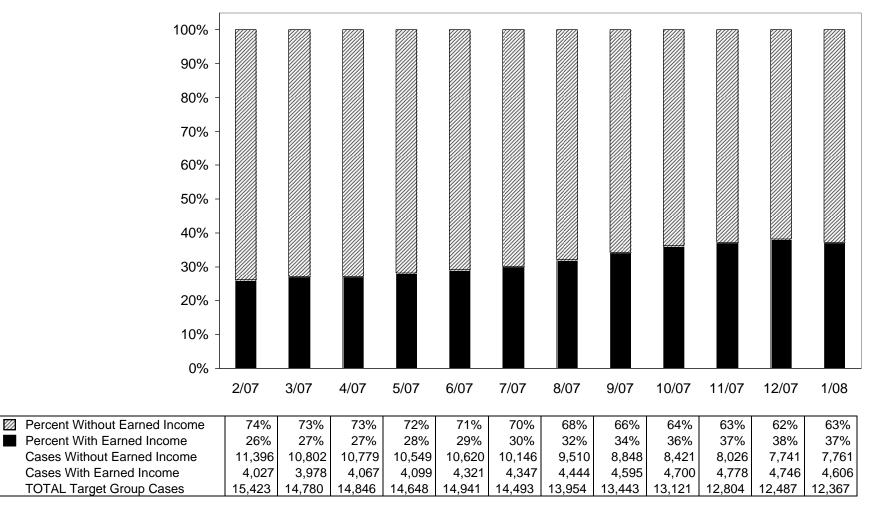
Percentage of Cases with Earned Income



WAYNE COUNTY TOTAL

Target Group Cases: With and Without Earned Income Point-in-Time Data

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OUTSTATE TOTAL

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